

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

20 January 1956

Present

Members: John Lacey, State
Richard Bauer, Army
John S. Shearer, Jr., Navy
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

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Consultants:

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1. The 63rd meeting convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 62nd meeting were approved with the following emendations and comments:

- a. Page 2, second line, delete "extenuation" and add "extension."
- b. Page 2, line 9, after "priorities," delete "all" and add "many"; same sentence, after Category II add "as defined by the terms of DCID 4/5."
- c. Page 2, paragraph 2, Western World Program, second sentence, delete "OIT" and add "OIR."
- d. Same paragraph, line 14, should read "an increased responsibility on State's part and FDD can help...."
- e. Page 3, paragraph 4, line 7, delete "analyst" and add "analysts."

In clarifying State's position on Latin American coverage as summarized in the same paragraph Mr. Lacey said that if the present topics had to be reduced that any cut should not interfere with the priority need for information on Communist movements and bloc trade and that regarding improvement in the coverage, such improvement could be effected by clarification through liaison with State.

Mr. Lacey had found that selected coverage of South Korea was needed and suggested that one half a man in FDD be allocated to this coverage. Several members agreed with this point.

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f. Page 4, paragraph 2, line 2, delete "specifically" and add "basically."

g. Same paragraph, line 12, delete "Soviet-Satellites" and add "Sino-Soviet Bloc."

2. Western World Program - Continued

Army: Continuing Army's statement Mr. Bauer said that Army is generally satisfied with the Indonesia reports but some analysts would like to see the publications put out more currently. The proposal is satisfactory.

Navy: Mr. Shearer said that the analysts on non-Communist countries were spread so thin that they seldom had a chance to read the FDD output. Their highlights and summarizations are generally taken from the routine reports from the embassies and the attaches. Military scientific and technical material represents the greatest need; anything beyond that is more than the analysts can absorb.

Air Force: Maj. Neumann stated that the Air Force has considerably less interest in non-Communist countries than in the Sino-Soviet Bloc and emphasis should be placed on publications of the Sino-Soviet Bloc estimating at 80-85 percent of the manpower for the Sino-Soviet Bloc versus 15-20 percent for the western countries. In the absence of criticism, Maj. Neumann thought that Air Force was very satisfied with the FDD program. A questionnaire regarding the Western World Program was disseminated to the area desks and as yet no replies have been received.

The Chairman stated there was general agreement that the Subcommittee should take a more specific approach to the Western World as opposed to the more intensive approach on the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

Mr. Lacey stated that the present allocation of effort and manpower represents very well State's requirements on the non-bloc coverage.

Mr. Bauer repeated that especially the coverage of the Arab States and Israel should under no circumstances suffer.

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CIA: [REDACTED] submitted CIA's requirements which included a few proposals for changes especially on Latin America, which have been made a part of the Record, and added that CIA agrees to the split of the "Selected Briefs from the International Press" into three separate reports as discussed in the previous meeting.

The Chairman asked whether the change of the "Selected Briefs" is satisfactory to the intelligence community.

State, Army, Navy, Air Force, and NSA all agreed.

The Chairman stated that, instead of the "Selected Briefs," International Communism will be reported in the form of a Summary, while International

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Conferences and Fairs, and International Trade and Shipping will be reported as OO-Ws.

25X1A [redacted] continued by saying that CIA is definitely interested in some coverage on South Korea, also that linguistic capabilities for all areas should be retained within FDD.

The Chairman explained that the FDD program endeavors to retain all linguist capabilities and at the same time to develop linguistics with non-Bloc languages so that they have facility with at least one bloc language.

25X1A NSA: [redacted] stated that NSA considers the FDD reports on Arab States and Israel, Afghanistan, and Africa especially good, but had little interest in the reports on "Trade Union Activities in Finland," the indexes of "La Stampa," "Le Monde," and "Development of Political Attitudes in West Germany and Austria." NSA was not able to evaluate properly the report on "Cooperation Between Labor Unions in France and Italy," on the other hand it makes use of the Latin America and Far East reports.

Mr. Bauer expressed satisfaction with the fact that there is very little duplication between FBID and FDD products.

25X1A [redacted] asked whether FDD is checking FBID material with the corresponding newspaper articles for accuracy as a routine matter.

The Chairman explained that FDD does not usually check FBID for accuracy but any office of the IAC may ask FDD for a check of an FBID item with the corresponding newspaper text.

The Chairman continued that he would incorporate the recommendations for the Western World program into Tab A of the "Report to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications." He expressed hope that the entire recommendations of the Subcommittee to the Advisory Committee on FLP could be discussed at the next meeting.

The Chairman mentioned that the annual report of the Subcommittee has been requested by the Chairman of the FLP Committee by 15 February and a draft report will be sent to the Subcommittee members for review and comment at the next meeting.

Mr. Lacey expressed the desire that the text of the Report and Recommendations to the FLP Committee be worded more forcefully. Other members of the Subcommittee concurred and the Chairman promised to revise the wording.

3. The agenda for the next meeting will be the Report and Recommendations to the FLP Committee and the Annual Report.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held 3 February 1956 at 1400 hours in Room 2125 M Building.